

Patoka Lake Visitor Center

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WELCOME TO PATOKA LAKE ~ Indiana's largest state operated property!

Patoka Lake Interpretive Services presents a variety of natural & cultural history programs & special events throughout the year. Take a close up look at amazing animals! Join in woods walks! Experience craft demonstrations, music presentations, kids' activities, and much more! Ask one of the friendly staff for more information. **HOURS:** Visitor Center open Daily, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. E.D.T.
Visit our website: www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/interpretiveservices/

July 2006 Activities

ALL PROGRAMS ARE ON EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME

Friday, June 30th

2p.m. **Naturally Patoka** ~ Fur, feathers, fins or fangs? Animals, oh my! What is the feature today? Come and take a look at something special around Patoka. **vc**

Saturday, July 1st

9a.m. **Kids Activities** ~ Meet at the Modern Campgrounds Center Shelterhouse for activities & stories. Leaf prints to firewood toss. "First Fire" Cherokee story and more! Fun for all ages. Children must be accompanied by an adult. A surprise is waiting for you! **ccs**

1p.m. **Mammal BINGO** ~ With an old favorite game and a new twist, we'll play a fun game for all ages. Learn about the common and not-so-common mammals of Patoka. **vc**

2p.m. **Patch Program** ~ Would you like to learn about the history, staff, wildlife and programs at Patoka and other Indiana parks and reservoirs? Discover the natural world around us. Complete fun activities, earn points and receive your patch and certificate. Natures Pal? Junior Wildlifer? Reservoir Ranger? Come and find out how you may join the patch program. Easy & Fun! **vc**

Sunday, July 2nd

10a.m. to 3p.m. **Bald Eagle C52 & Barred Owl** will be in the backyard garden viewing area of the Visitor Center. Enjoy a close-up look at two amazing raptors. **vc**

10a.m. **Night Creatures** ~ WHAT? Not all animals sleep at night? Learn amazing features of a night creature or two. **vc**

1p.m. **Wildlife Habitat Gardens** ~ What plants do butterflies & bees need for shelter or food? Learn tips and tricks to inviting a variety of animals into your outdoor spaces and gardens. **vc**

Monday, July 3rd

10a.m. to 3p.m. **Bald Eagle C52 & Barred Owl** will be in the backyard garden viewing area of the Visitor Center. Enjoy a close-up look at two amazing raptors. **vc**

10a.m. **Whispers of the Past** ~ With slides, stories and music, explore Patoka's past. See the faces of people who lived along the Patoka River. From chamber pots & lye soap to maple syrup and wild rabbit, experience life of yesteryear. **vc**

1p.m. **Barred Owls!** ~ Enjoy a close-up look at a special guest and learn just whooo's coming for dinner. Come and find out what barred owls are all about. **vc**

Tuesday, July 4th, Independence Day

10a.m. to 3p.m. **Bald Eagle C52 & Barred Owl** will be in the backyard garden viewing area of the Visitor Center. Enjoy a close-up look at two amazing raptors. **vc**

10a.m. **Hunting with a Bald Eagle** ~ How much of a grip does a bald eagle get on its food? Some amazing facts await you as you see resident raptor, Bald Eagle C52. **vc**

1p.m. **Animal Tracks & Signs!** ~ Learn fun ways to track animals. With supplies provided, make a plaster cast of an animal track to take home. Animals leave signs of their travels and ways of life. From deer antler rubbings on trees to paw prints, let's take a look! **vc**

Friday, July 7th

2p.m. **Naturally Patoka** ~ Fur, feathers, fins or fangs? Animals, oh my! What is the feature today? Come and take a look at something special around Patoka. **vc**

Saturday, July 8th

2p.m. **Patch Program** ~ See Saturday, July 1st

7:30p.m. **Campfire Stories** ~ Join the naturalists at the Beach Shelterhouse #1 (follow signs) for a fun evening of campfire stories, nature songs and tall tales. Hear about the "Little Man of the Woods", the beaver and much more. **b**

8:30p.m. **Night Hike** ~ Explore the world of the night and learn how animals use their senses to survive. This hike is recommended for ages 12 & older. Activities will continue at the beach shelterhouse through the evening. **b**

Sunday, July 9th

10a.m. **Barred Owl** ~ "Who cooks for you?" says the barred owl as this common hooting owl hunts the woods and streams of the Patoka Lake area. Enjoy a close-up look at our resident raptor. **vc**

1p.m. **Garden Rock Loop Hike** ~ Join in a hike through time and hear stories of yesteryear. **vc**

Friday, July 14th

2p.m. **Naturally Patoka** ~ Fur, feathers, fins or fangs? Animals, oh my! What is the feature today? Come and take a look at something special around Patoka. **vc**



**Smokey Bear's
Birthday Party**
August 13th
10a.m. to 12p.m.

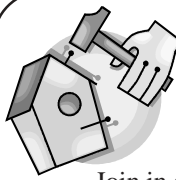


***Birthday Cake *Games**
***Fire Prevention**
***Smokey will be here!**

Saturday, July 15th

10a.m. **Kayaks & Canoes** ~ Learn tips and tricks to kayaking and canoeing with the naturalists, Mike and Dana at Patoka Beach. Supplies provided. **b**

2p.m. **Patch Program** ~ See Saturday, July 1st **vc**



Bluebird House Workshop

Saturday, July 15th
1p.m. to 3p.m.
Patoka Lake Visitor Center

Join in as we explore the exciting world of the insect eaters, the Eastern Bluebird.

Supplies provided! (bring a hammer, if possible)
Build your own bluebird house.

Invite these winged wonders to your gardens!

Pre-registration is required with a fee of \$10 per person.

Participants must be 16 years of age or older.

For more information or to register,
please call the Visitor Center at 812.685.2447.

Sunday, July 16th

10a.m. **Winged Wonders** ~ Take a close-up look at a barred owl and a bald eagle. What makes these 2 birds of prey special? Learn their amazing adaptations. Whooo can tell me why an owl can turn its head almost all the way around? Why, the naturalist can! **vc**



1p.m. **Box Turtle** ~ Turtle in a box? A boxing turtle? Come and discover fascinating facts about Patoka’s resident turtle. **vc**

Friday, July 21st

2p.m. **Naturally Patoka** ~ Fur, feathers, fins or fangs? Animals, oh my! What is the feature today? Come and take a look at something special around Patoka. **vc**

Saturday, July 22nd

10a.m. **Bird BINGO** ~ Let’s play an old favorite game with a nature twist. Fun for all ages! **vc**

1p.m. **Whispers of the Past** ~ Step back in time to celebrate the rich heritage of Patoka. With slides, props and more, we’ll hear about the interesting characters, towns and times of yesteryear. **vc**

2p.m. **Patch Program** ~ See Saturday, July 1st **vc**

Sunday, July 23rd

10a.m. **Storytime** ~ Kids of all ages, come to the Visitor Center to hear stories and songs about nature. **vc**

1p.m. **Gardening for Wildlife** ~ Learn tips and tricks of gardening for wildlife. Where do butterflies go when it rains? What does a hummingbird eat other than sugar water? Find out the answers as we explore projects and possibilities for wildlife in your garden. **vc**

BALD EAGLE C52 RAPTOR FUND

A fund has been established with the Indiana Natural Resources Foundation so you can help provide for the long term care of Bald Eagle C52 and other permanently injured birds of prey used in interpretive programming at Patoka Lake.



Donations may be sent to:
Indiana Natural Resources Foundation
attn: C52 Fund
402 W. Washington St., # W256
Indianapolis, IN 46204

For a detailed schedule of viewing times or more information about Patoka’s resident raptors, eagles around Indiana and how you can help, call the Visitor Center at 812/685-2447 or check out the web:
www.in.gov/dnr/c52

Friday, July 28th

2p.m. **Naturally Patoka** ~ Fur, feathers, fins or fangs? Animals, oh my! What is the feature today? Come and take a look at something special around Patoka. **vc**

Saturday, July 29th

10a.m. **Owls of Indiana** ~ Give a HOOT! Come and discover amazing facts about this feathered creature of the night with special guest, resident raptor, Barred Owl. **vc**

1p.m. **Bobcats at Patoka?** ~ Meowww! Learn about the amazing adaptations and status of one of Patoka’s most elusive creatures. **vc**

2p.m. **Patch Program** ~ See Saturday, July 1st **vc**

Sunday, July 30th

10a.m. **Barred Owl** ~ How many feathers does a barred owl have? What do they eat? Find out the answers and more. **vc**

1p.m. **Story Time** ~ Kids of all ages, come to the Visitor Center to hear nature stories and other amusing tales. **vc**

KEY for Program Locations:

vc- Visitor Center

b- Beach,

ccs- Modern Campgrounds Center Shelterhouse



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